



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Christopher Parsons, of Potosi, Missouri, graduated from the Mineral Area College Law Enforcement Academy in Park Hills, Missouri, in May, 2012, where he was named valedictorian of his class; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Parsons began his career in law enforcement as a Deputy Sheriff for the Washington County Sheriff's Office in October, 2012; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2012, Deputy Sheriff Parsons, age 31, was killed in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the brave individuals in the law enforcement profession who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work hard to protect the lives and the property of their fellow citizens.

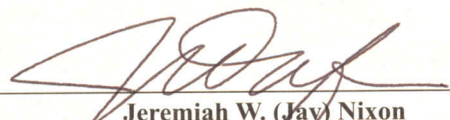
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

DEPUTY SHERIFF CHRISTOPHER PARSONS

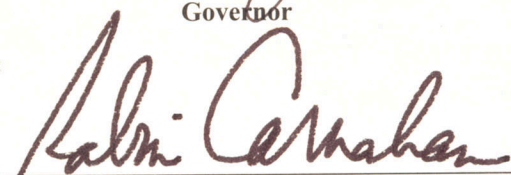
and for his public service to the State of Missouri, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all state government buildings in the County of Washington, Missouri, for one full day on December 19, 2012, from sunrise to sunset.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 18th day of December 2012.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State